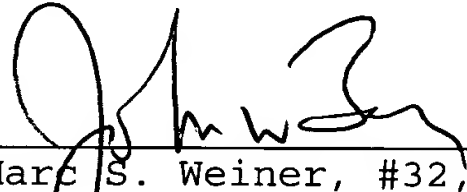


- ☒ Petition for two (2) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$450.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$450.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By  #32,881
Marc S. Weiner, #32,181

KLR
MSW/KLR:trb
1422-0443P

P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

Attachment(s)



PATENT
1422-0443P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kiyozo ASADA et al. Conf.: 6983
Appl. No.: 09/673,884 Group: 1637
Filed: October 23, 2000 Examiner: A. H. SPIEGLER
For: METHOD FOR SYNTHESIZING DNA

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 25, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, the due date for Reply having been extended two (2) months to January 25, 2005 by petition herein, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

01/27/2005 DEMMANU1 00000148 09673884

01 FC:1252

450.00 OP